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90 DAY EXTENSION OF CDL'S FOR MEMBERS OF THE ARMED FORCES

The Indiana Department of Revenue and the Bureau of Motor Vehicles have adopted a new policy that will ensure a smooth transition for those members of the armed forces whose commercial driver's license (CDL) expires while they are on active duty in the military.

Members of the armed forces who hold a CDL, who are absent from the state on military orders, will have 90 days after their discharge to renew their Indiana CDL if it expired or became disqualified because of a failure to submit a physical examination form while they were on active duty. Upon his/her discharge, the service member will need to present a copy of the discharge papers and, if applicable, a current physical within 90 days of discharge from the service. If the renewal is completed within those 90 days, the service personnel will not be required to take another written or skills test to renew the CDL. State law normally requires anyone who has had a license expired or disqualified due to a lack of a physical examination for more than one year must retake the written and skills test. The new policy, also based upon federal and State laws, creates a 90-day exemption from those requirements.

The new policy is applicable to members of the National Guard, reserves, and regular military services who are returning from an initial term of enlistment. Any service personnel who engaged in non-military commercial driving while on active duty must maintain a valid CDL at all times. For instance, an Indiana national guardsman who is called to active duty and stationed in North Carolina would not need to keep a current CDL unless he drove a commercial vehicle for a private enterprise on his "off time." In that case, a valid CDL would be required at all times and the policy exceptions would not apply.

More information on this policy is available from the CDL Section of the Motor Carrier Division of the Indiana Department of Revenue, 5252 Decatur Blvd., Indianapolis, IN 46241, 317-615-7335.

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